(c) what is the percentage of rise in the error rate so far during 1993 as compared to error rate rise in 1992 and what is the expected percentage of rise in the irreconciliable amount at the end of 1993 as against the irreconciliable amount in 1992; and

(d) the measures contemplated by Government to streamline the procedure to minimise the clearing lapses by the RBI ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Fera Violations by ANZ Grindlays Bank

1629. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Directorate of Enforcement have revealed that ANZ Grindlays Bank was used to illegally funnel Rs. 66.4 crore out of the country in violation of the FERA;

(b) if so, the details of the FERA violation made by ANZ Grindlays Bank; and

(c) what steps Government proposed to contemplate against the bank for FERA violations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Items included under selective credit control

1630. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the items under selective credit control; and

(b) what are the guidelines to include them in this list ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) & (b) Advances for sensitive commodities are governed by the Selective Credit Control (SCC) exercised by Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The identified commodities, at present, are paddy/rice, wheat, pulses, other foodgrain, sugar, khandsari and gur, oilseeds, vegetable oils, kapas and cotton. Selective Credit Control is mechanism of credit control to achieve the appropriate distribution of credit to the various sectors of economy. The other objective is to prevent speculative holding of sensitive commodities with the help of bank credit. The main instruments of Selective Credit Control are :

(i) Minimum margin for lending against selected commodities;

(ii) ceilings on the levels of credit; and

(iii) charging of minimum rate of interest on advances against specified commodities.

While the first two instruments control the quantum of credit, the third instrument works as a leverage on the cost of credit. The above tools of control are operated and modified by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from time to time in such a manner as is considered appropriate to meet particular situations or to achieve the desired directional flow of credit.

Non-Banking Finance Companies

1631. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of non-banking companies which are accepting deposits;

(b) what are the guidelines in this regard;

(c) whether any of them violated the norms; and

(d) what are their deposits and total turn-over ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.